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SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN PEKING ON
KOREAN ITEM IN UNGA

1. NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR HARLAND INFORMS US THAT NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HYUN JUN KEUK PAID CALL ON HIM SEPTEMBER 20 TO DISCUSS KOREAN ITEM IN UNGA. HARLAND WAS INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT WHETHER ANY SIGN OF NORTH KOREAN WILLINGNESS TO REACH COMPROMISE BETWEEN HOSTILE AND FRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS MIGHT BE DISCERNED FROM CONVERSATION WITH KEUK, BUT FOUND LATTER "HARD AS A ROCK" ON SCORE THAT ALL U.S. FORCES HAD TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM KOREA IMMEDIATELY. HYUN TOOK THE LINE THAT CHINESE HAD WITHDRAWN THEIR FORCES 20 YEARS AGO AND IT WAS MORE THAN TIME FOR U.S. TO DO THE SAME; THIS, IN FACT, WAS PURPOSE OF RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY NORTH KOREAN SUPPORTERS IN UNGA. AS FOR COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO RESOLUTIONS, HYUN NOTED THAT THEY WERE IN EFFECT DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED SINCE ONE WAS AIMED AT REMOVING U.S. TROOPS FROM KOREA AND THE OTHER INTENDED AS FAR AS HE COULD SEE TO KEEP THEM THERE. HE DISMISSED AS IRRELEVANT HARLAND'S REMINDER THAT UN COMMAND WAS MATTER FOR SECURITY COUNCIL AND NOT FOR UNGA.

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2. HARLAND OBSERVED THAT HYUN MADE NO MENTION OF QUESTION OF
MAINTAINING KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND HE HIMSELF DID NOT
BRING THIS MATTER UP. HARLAND COMMENTED FURTHER THAT HYUN'S ATTITUDE
MIGHT BE OF SOME IMPORTANCE DUE TO HIS POSITION AS MEMBER OF NORTH
KOREAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
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